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Customer No.: 21269



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Lawrence I. KRUSE et al.

Serial No. 09/769,450

Filed: January 26, 2001

Title: KAPPA AGONIST COMPOUNDS,
PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS
AND METHOD OF PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT OF PRURITIS THEREWITH

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the above-captioned case, please amend the above
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new Claims.

25. A method of treating or preventing pruritis in a mammal in need of said prevention or treatment, said method comprising administering to said mammal a kappa opiate receptor agonist, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is substantially devoid of central nervous system effects, in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.